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Responsible: Community Specialists, ESG Manager,		

Partnership Coordination

Policy

INCA will coordinate and integrate wherever possible Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funded activities with Emergency Shelter Providers and mainstreaming housing, health, social services, employment, education and youth programs for which families and individuals at risk of homelessness and homeless individuals and families may be eligible.

INCA coordinates among homeless service providers occurs primarily through the intake system for housing assistance.

Coordination of Services among Emergency Shelter Providers

Where applicable, INCA will coordinate Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funded services locally and within the regional service area of the Southeastern Oklahoma Continuum of Care consisting of: Atoka, Bryan, Carter, Choctaw, Coal, Haskell, Hughes, Johnston, Latimer, LeFlore, Love, Marshall, McCurtain, McIntosh, Murray, Muskogee, Okfuskee, Okmulgee, Pittsburg, Pontotoc, and Pushmataha counties in an effort to provide strategic, community-wide systems to prevent and end homelessness for the area.

These programs include:

- Shelter Plus Care Program
- Supportive Housing Program
- Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation Program for Single Room Occupancy Program for Homeless Individuals
- HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive housing
- Grants for the Benefit of Homeless Individuals
- Healthcare for the Homeless
- Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness
- Emergency Food and Shelter Program
- Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for Victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Program
- Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program
- Domiciliary Care for Homeless Veterans Program

- VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program
- Health Care for Homeless Veterans Program
- Homeless Veterans Dental Program
- Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program
- Veterans Justice Outreach Initiative

Mainstream Partners

Mainstream programs include; but are not limited to:

- Public housing programs assisted under Section 9 of the US Housing Act of 1937
- Housing programs receiving tenant-based or project-based assistance under Section 8 of the US Housing Act of 1937
- Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities
- Home Investment Partnerships Program
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Health Center Program
- State Children's Health Insurance Program
- Head Start
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse Block Grants
- Services funded under the Workforce Investment Act
- Medicaid
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- Women, Infants and Children
- Federal-State Unemployment Insurance Program
- Social Security Disability Insurance
- Child and Adult Care Food Program
- Developmental Screening programs/services for youth
- Sooner Start
- Chickasaw Tribe
- Choctaw Tribe

Domestic Violence Partnership

INCA case managers may encounter individuals or families who are fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, but who are seeking shelter or services from non-victim specific provider.

- These persons should be presented with the option of working with a victim service provider to continue the assessment or continuing with the initial assessment provider after they are thoroughly informed of the impacts of either decision.
- INCA has identified the victim service provider(s) capable and willing to provide the standardized assessment for persons to access in their assigned geographic coverage area. To ensure both safety for participants and consistency for accessing homelessness services, victim service providers must utilize the same assessment, scoring, prioritization and eligibility determination.

Local Partnerships

INCA ESG Program works to:

- Establish relationships with landlords
- Establish partnerships with shelters, hotels/motels

- Establish partnerships with local law enforcement agencies.

Minimizing Duplicated Services

INCA staff takes all feasible measures to ensure and document non duplication of benefits provided by ESG funds.

- INCA coordinates to the maximum extent possible with other essential service providers for the homeless or special needs populations served by ESG funded programs as well as with mainstream service providers such as health services, employment, education, youth programs, tribal and social services.

This is accomplished by:

- Communicates information about homeless program and needs with local community coalitions, faith-based organizations, to improve the coordination of services dealing with homelessness.
- Collaborate and work together with community partners to pool together resources needed to ensure clients receive the best possible service and/or care.

Dissemination of Policy

The policy will be made available to all employees through the agency's website. The agency will educate and train employees and supervisors regarding the policy and any conduct that could constitute a violation of the policy.